

SENATOR **Nell Soto** 32nd Senatorial District

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SENATOR SOTO HOSTS WORKSHOP TO ASSIST STUDENTS IN APPLYING FOR CAL GRANTS

Over 100,000 Grants Available for California Students

Sacramento – Thousands of California students are eligible for grants to attend community college, California State Universities, University of California or private colleges under the Cal Grant Program. To ensure that those who qualify meet the March 2nd deadline, Senator Nell Soto (D-Pomona) is hosting two workshops to assist students in filling out the application.

“I want to be sure that students in my district fill out the paperwork properly”, says Senator Soto. “It is a complicated application and I don’t want anyone turned down because it wasn’t filled out accurately. Students in my district, who think they are unable to go to college because of low grades or lack of funding, should come to this workshop. This is an opportunity that should not be missed.”

Graduating high school seniors, and recent graduates, who meet income qualifications and have a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 are guaranteed financial assistance. Anyone currently attending a community college in need of financial assistance, can apply for a competitive grant under the same program. Students with a baccalaureate degree, who plan to enroll in a teacher credential program and have a financial need, may also qualify for a grant.

The workshops will be held two weekends: **Saturday, February 9th, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at San Bernardino Valley College, South Dining Hall, and Saturday, February 16th, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Chaffey High School Cafeteria in Ontario.**

Applicants should bring G.P.A. verification, social security card or government issued I.D., parent or guardian’s social security card, and parent’s Federal Income Tax return or W-2 forms from 2001. Financial aide advisors will assist in filling out the application. Applicants will receive individual attention with their applications. **For more information and to RSVP, students an call Senator Soto’s office, San Bernardino (909) 381-3832 or Ontario (909) 984-7741.**

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